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THE 9 LIVES OF EL GATO THE CAT



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A Fire Safety Comic Book

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Here are some tips for you
from El Gato and
The Consumer Product Safety Commission

If your home catches fire... **GET OUT FAST!**

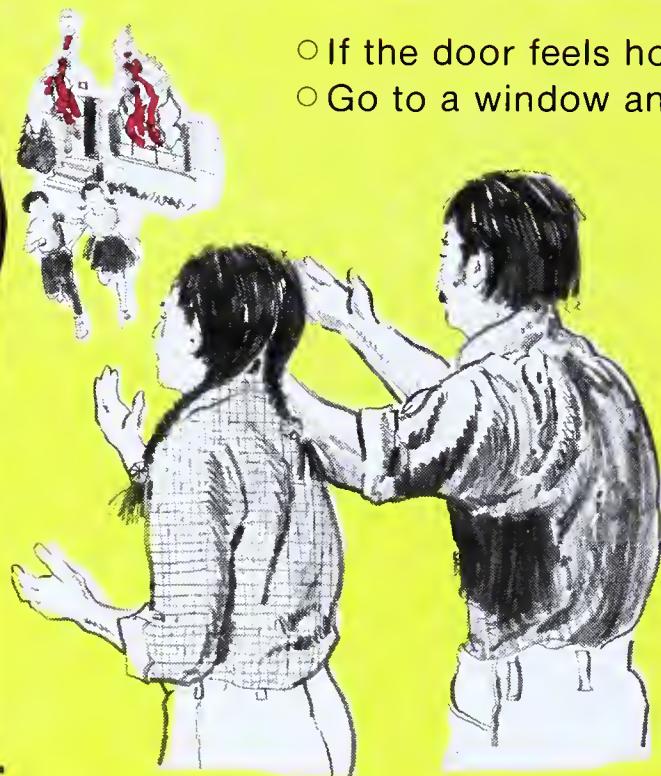
STAY LOW

- Smoke can kill!
- Crawl on your hands and knees to stay under the smoke.



FEEL THE DOOR

- If the door feels hot, don't open it.
- Go to a window and yell for help.



MEET OUTSIDE

- Stay out!
- Have a place to meet.

HERE IS WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW...

- Get smoke detectors for early warning.
- Choose a place to meet outside.
- Plan your family escape.
- Have two exits for each room.
- Practice your family escape.

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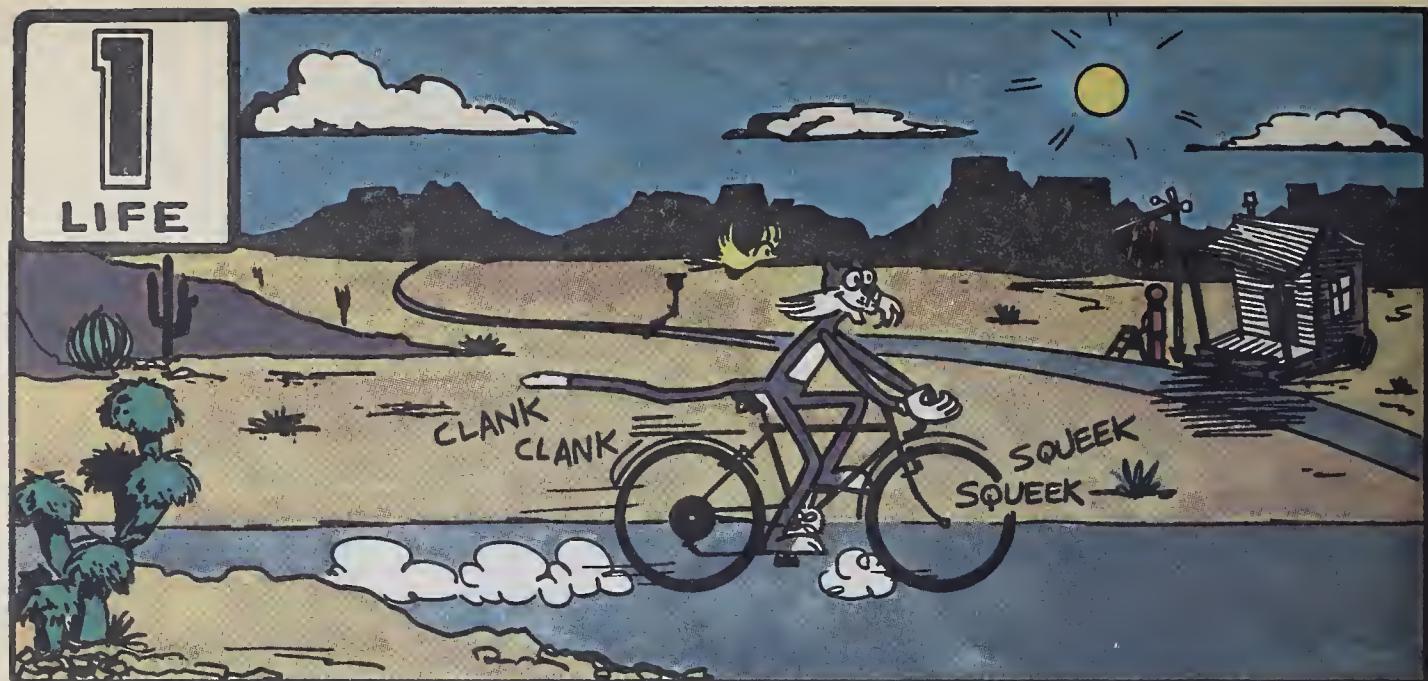


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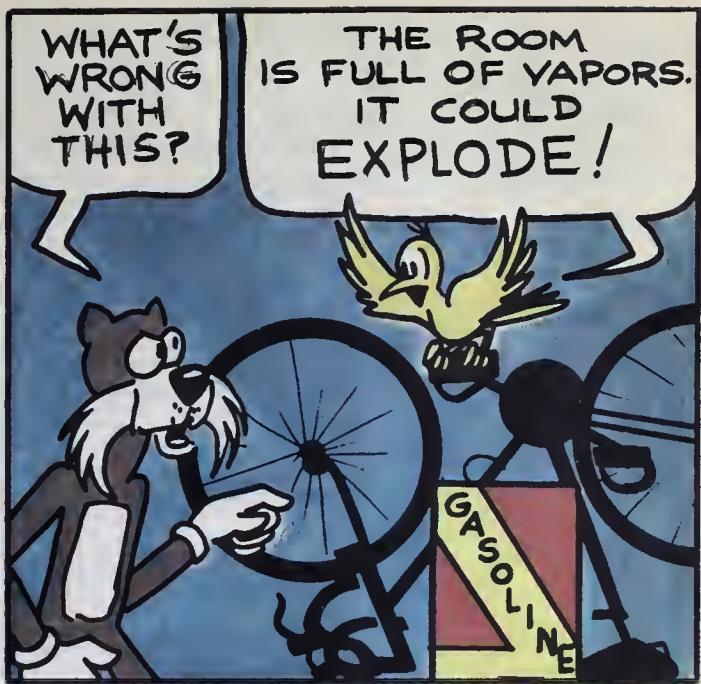
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GATO, YOUR BIKE SOUNDS TERRIBLE. IT LOOKS LIKE AN ACCIDENT LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HAPPEN!

NO. THIS BICYCLE IS IN GREAT SHAPE IT JUST NEEDS TO BE CLEANED UP.

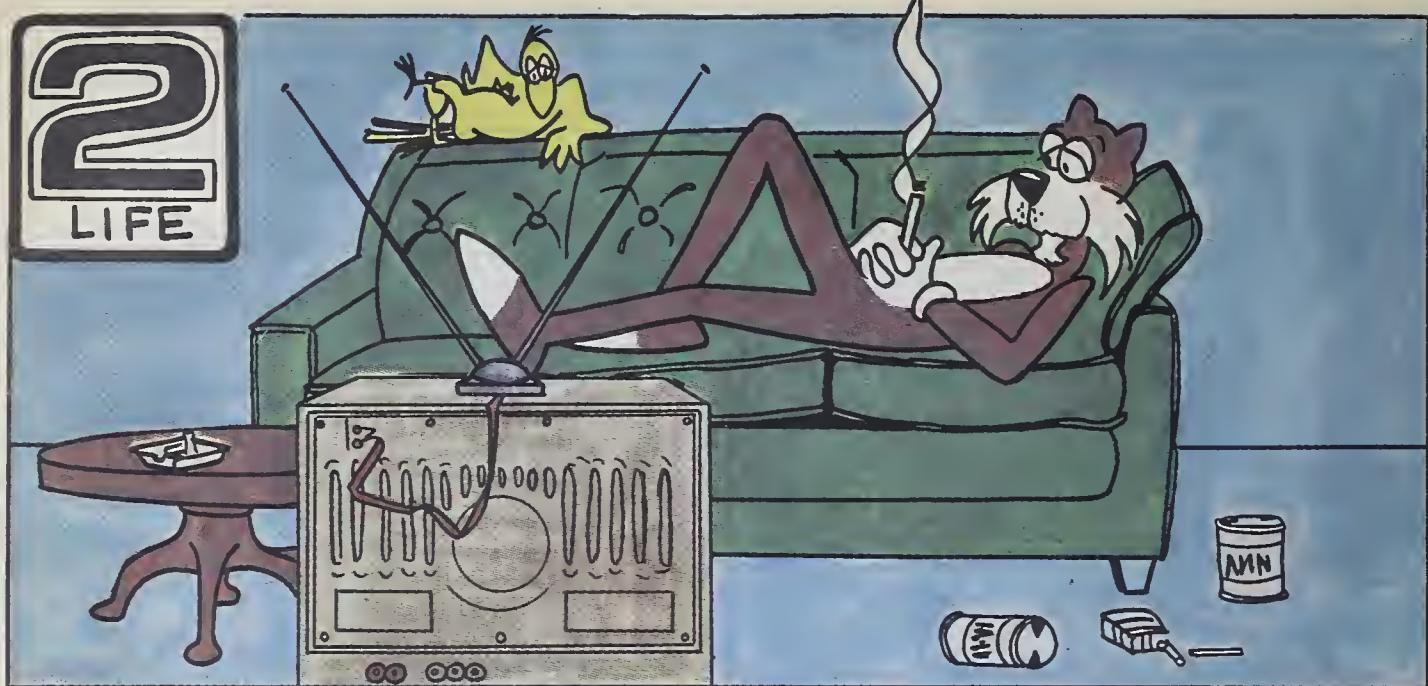




Gasoline fumes can burn or explode!

- Never clean anything with gasoline.
- Never use or keep gasoline indoors.

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THE LATE, LATE
SHOW WILL BEGIN
AFTER THESE
MESSAGES.

IT'S PAST ONE.
AREN'T YOU
SLEEPY
YET?

NO.
I WANT TO
SEE THIS.
WHY DON'T YOU
GO TO BED?

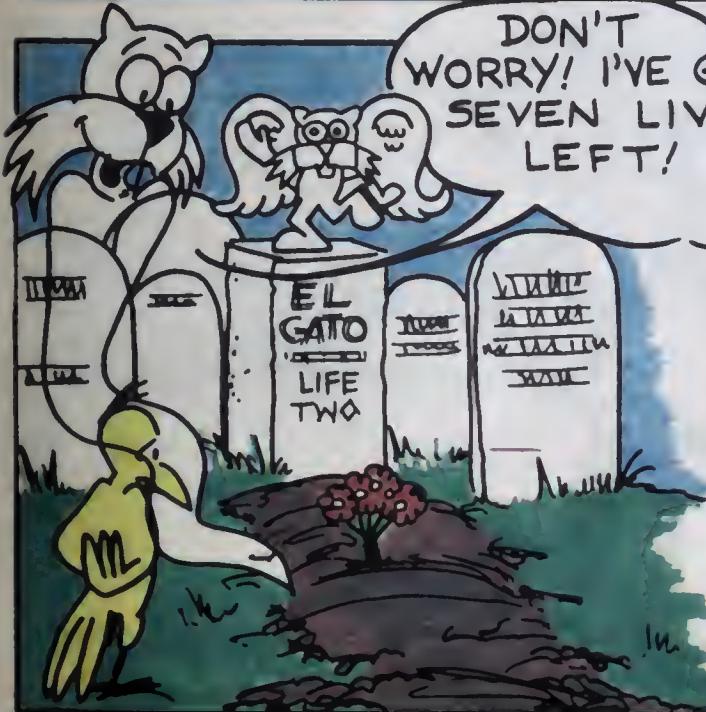
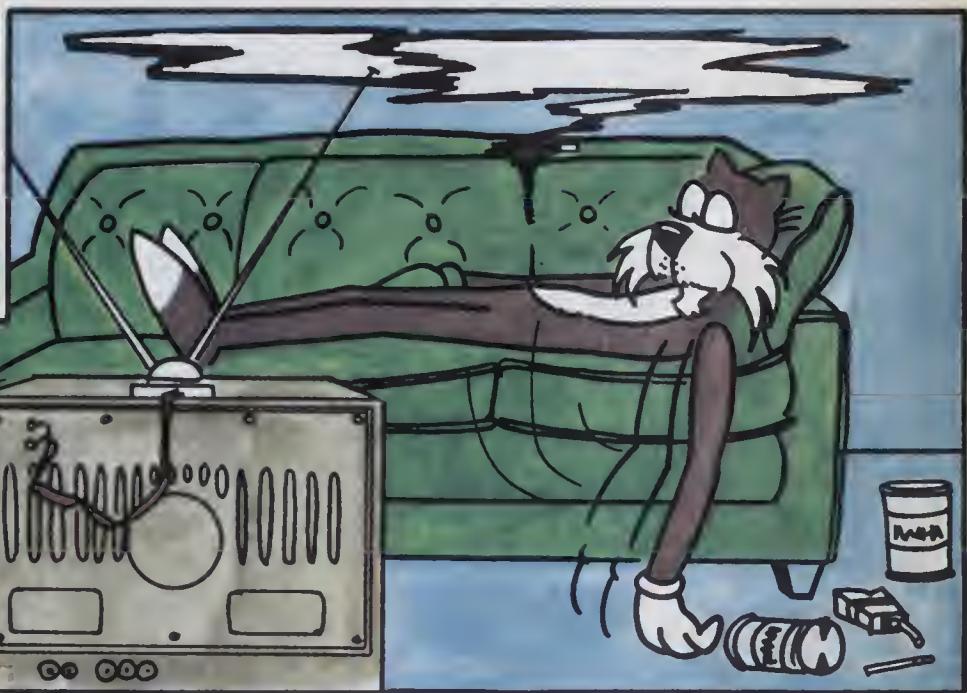


I CAN'T
SLEEP WITH
THIS THING
ON.

THEN GO
SOMEWHERE
ELSE, BIG
BÉAK.

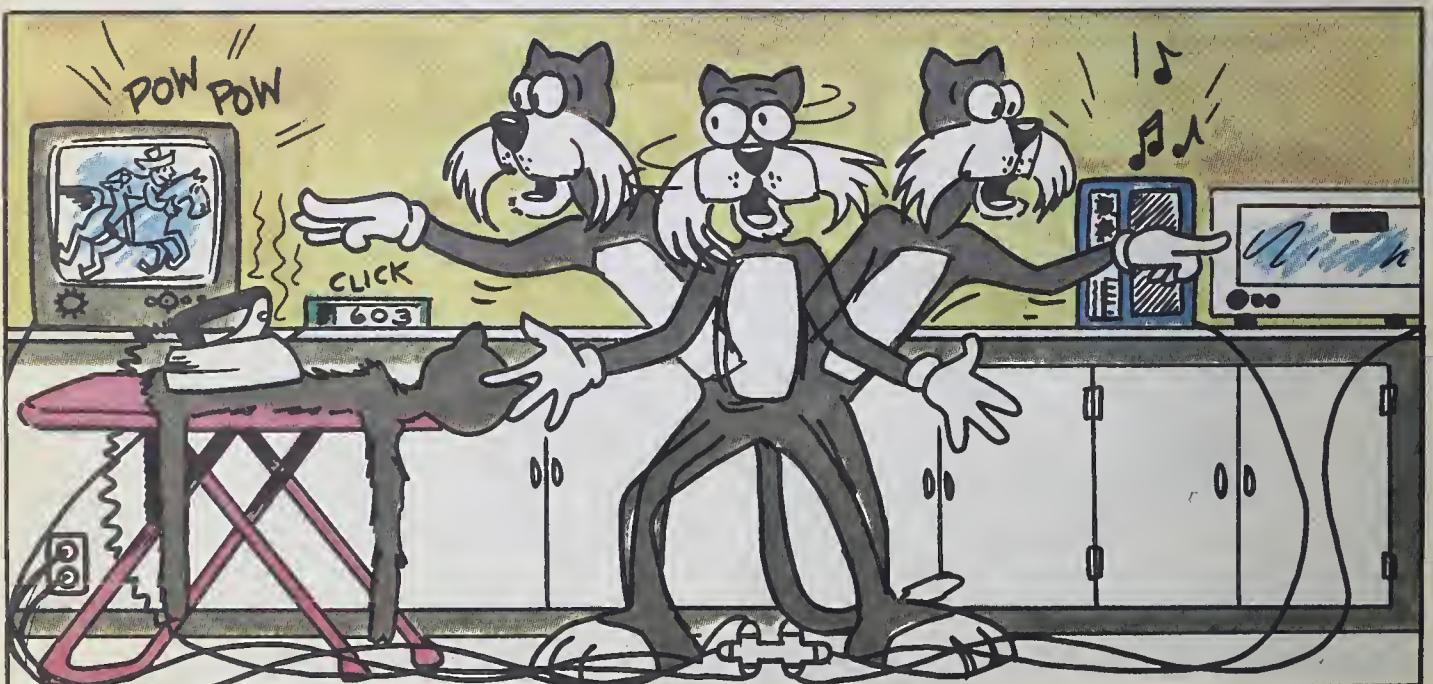
GLADLY,
ANYTHING' TO GET
AWAY FROM YOU AND
ALL THAT SMOKE!

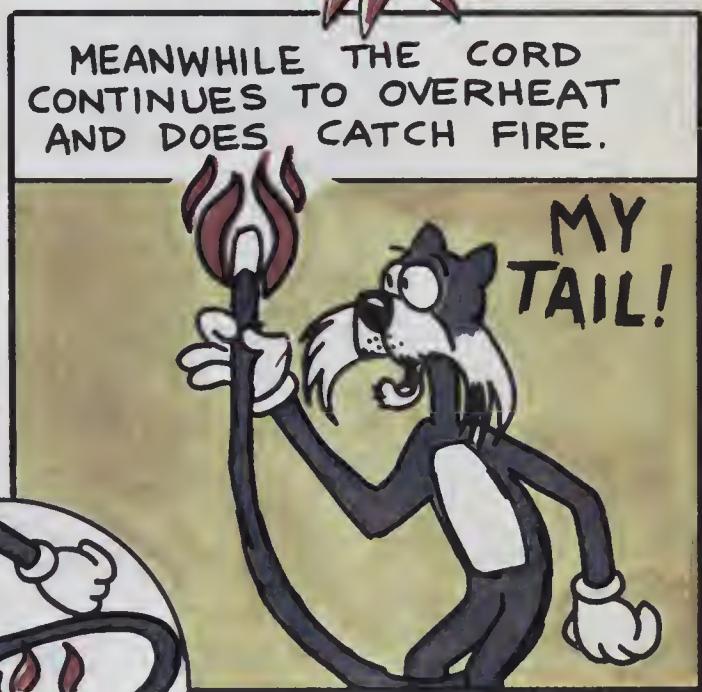
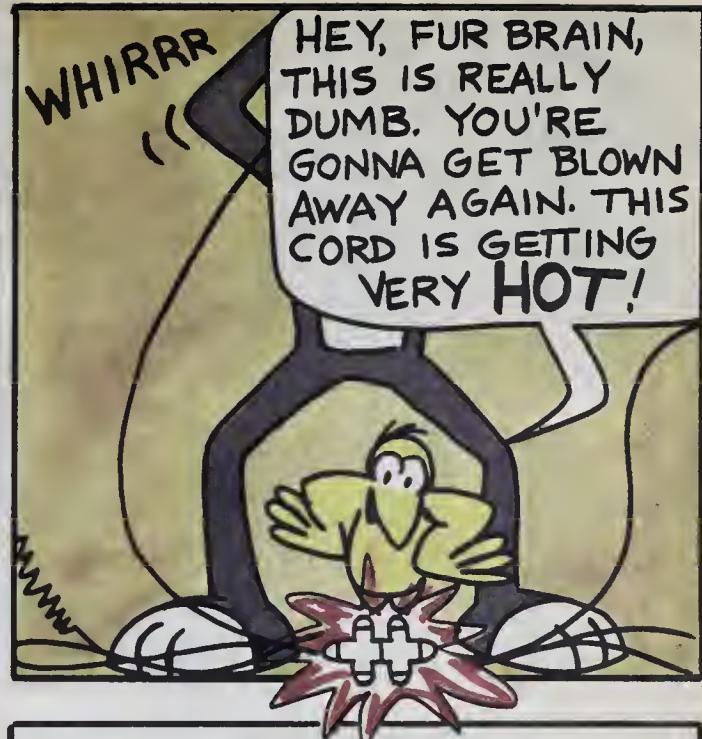




Smoke from an upholstered furniture fire can kill you before the heat wakes you up!

○ Never smoke around upholstered furniture when you are sleepy.





Extension cords
can cause fires!

- Never plug too many things into an extension cord (usually no more than one).
- Don't use worn or damaged extension cords.



BUT WHILE GATO IS IN THE KITCHEN, GATITO FINDS THE MATCHES LEFT ON THE TABLE TOP AND ...



ME YOW



QUICK, ROLL HIM BACK AND FORTH TO PUT THE FIRE OUT!



I DIDN'T EVEN GET ANY ICE CREAM.



Children playing with matches or lighters can cause fires!

○ Never leave matches or lighters

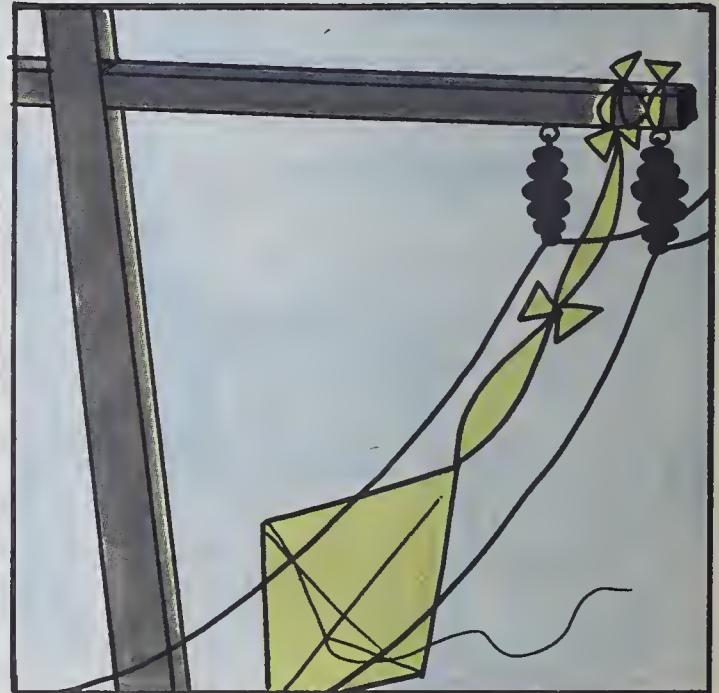
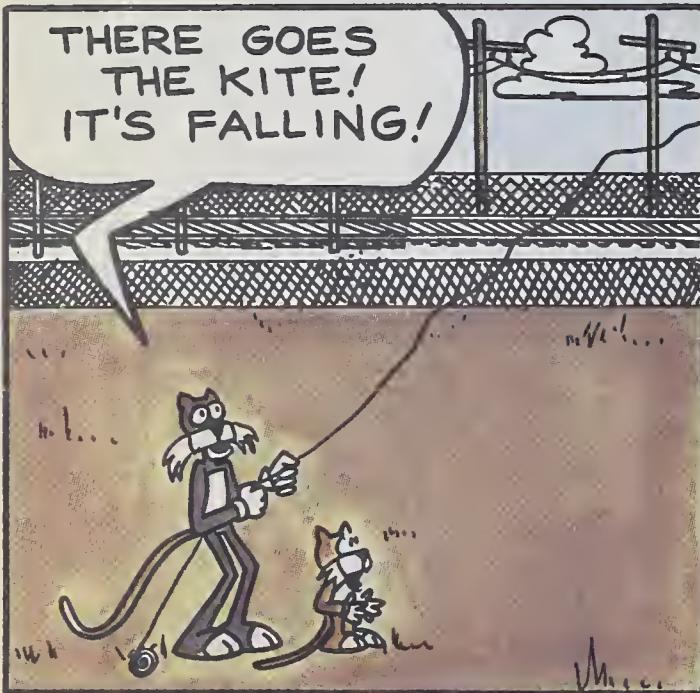
where children can reach them.

○ Never leave small children alone.

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THERE GOES
THE KITE!
IT'S FALLING!



MY KITE! MY KITE!
PLEASE, GET MY
KITE, UNCLE GATO!



DANGER
KEEP OUT



YOU CRAZY
CAT!
THOSE WIRES ARE
DANGEROUS!
GET DOWN!

I'M NOT GONNA TOUCH THE
WIRES. YOU THINK I'M
STUPID? I'VE SEEN KIDS
UP HERE A MILLION TIMES.

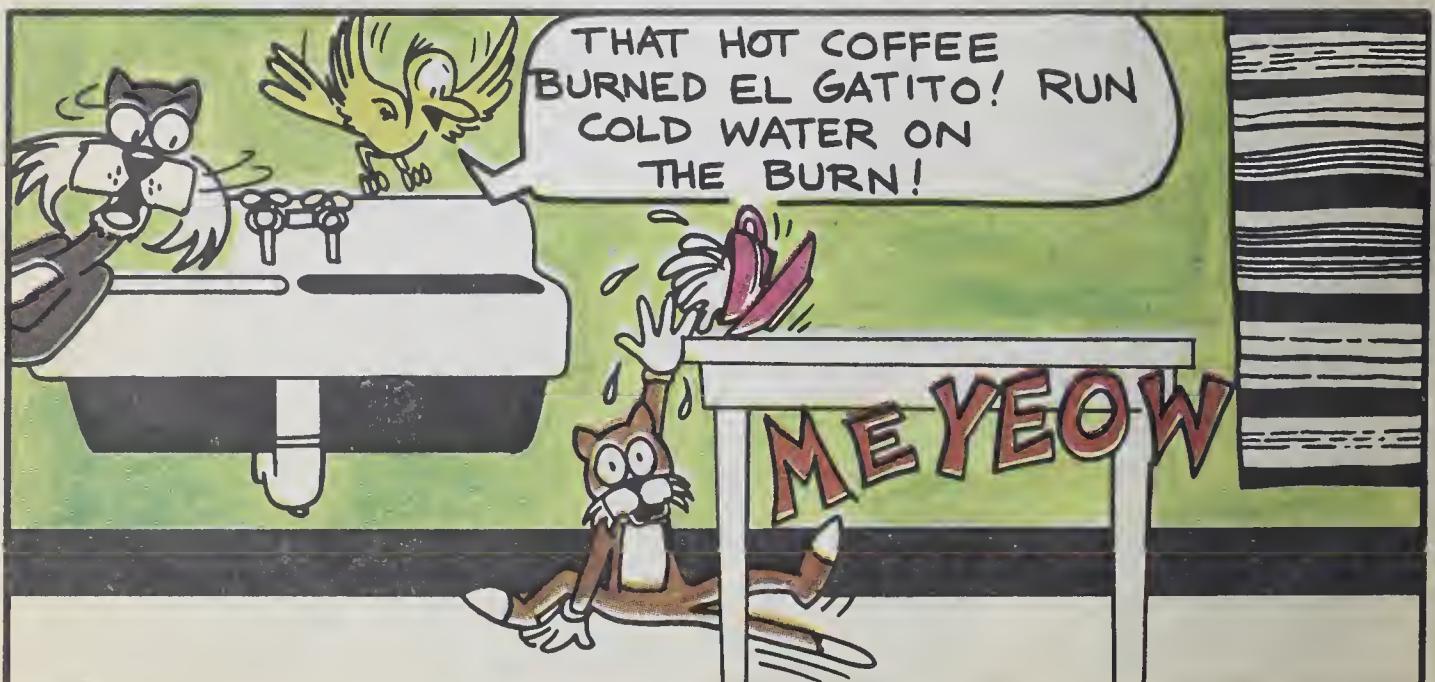
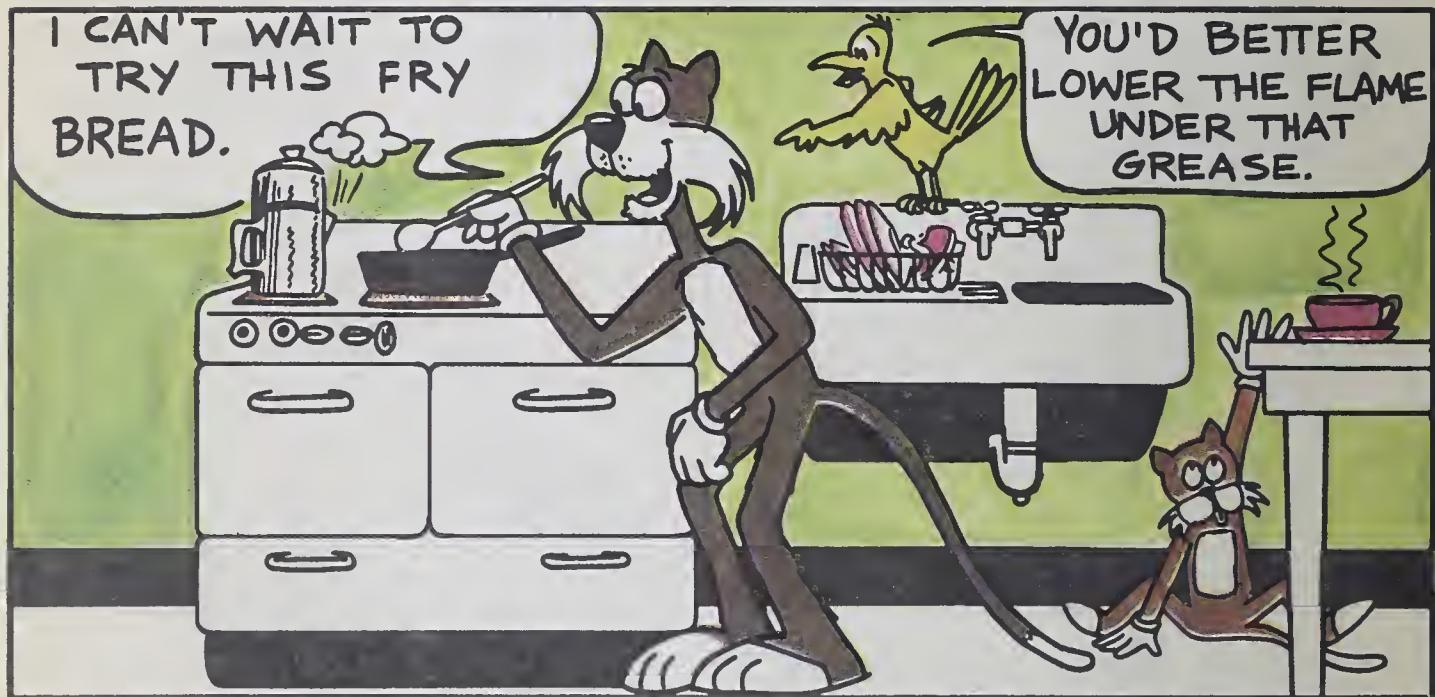
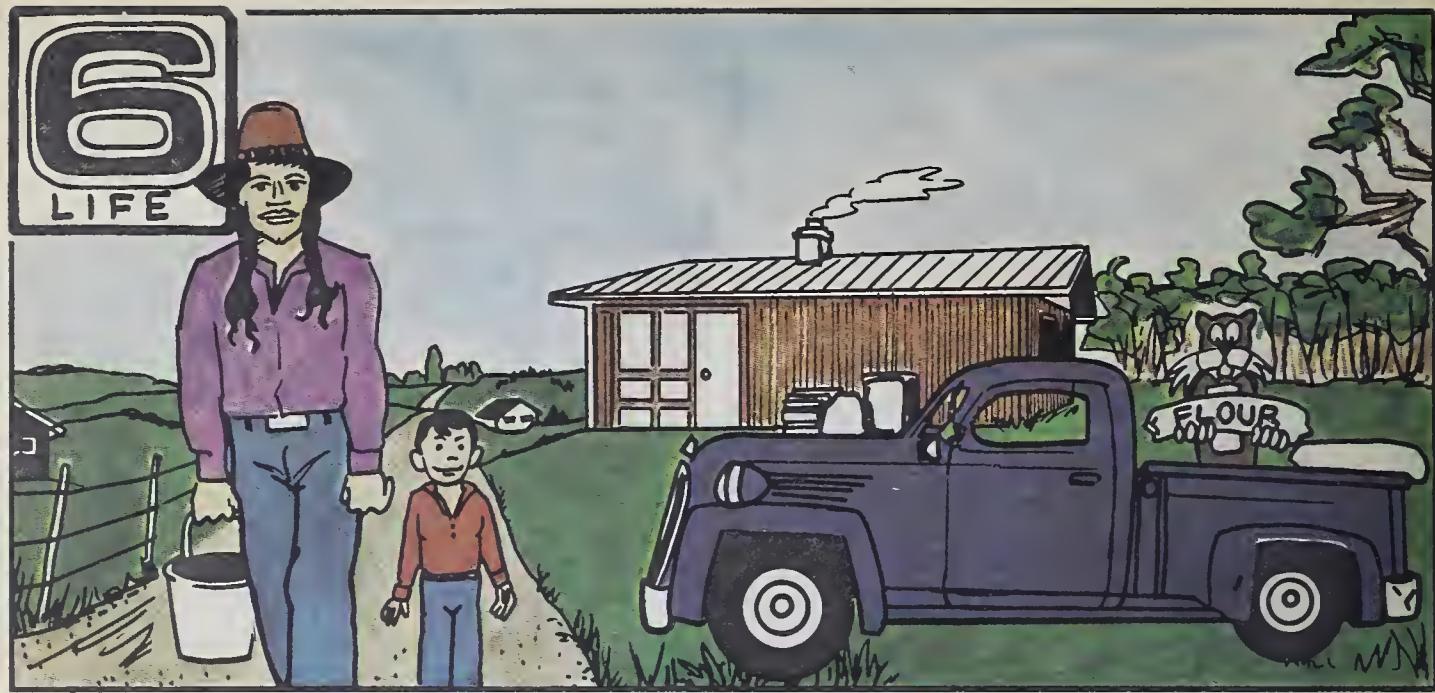


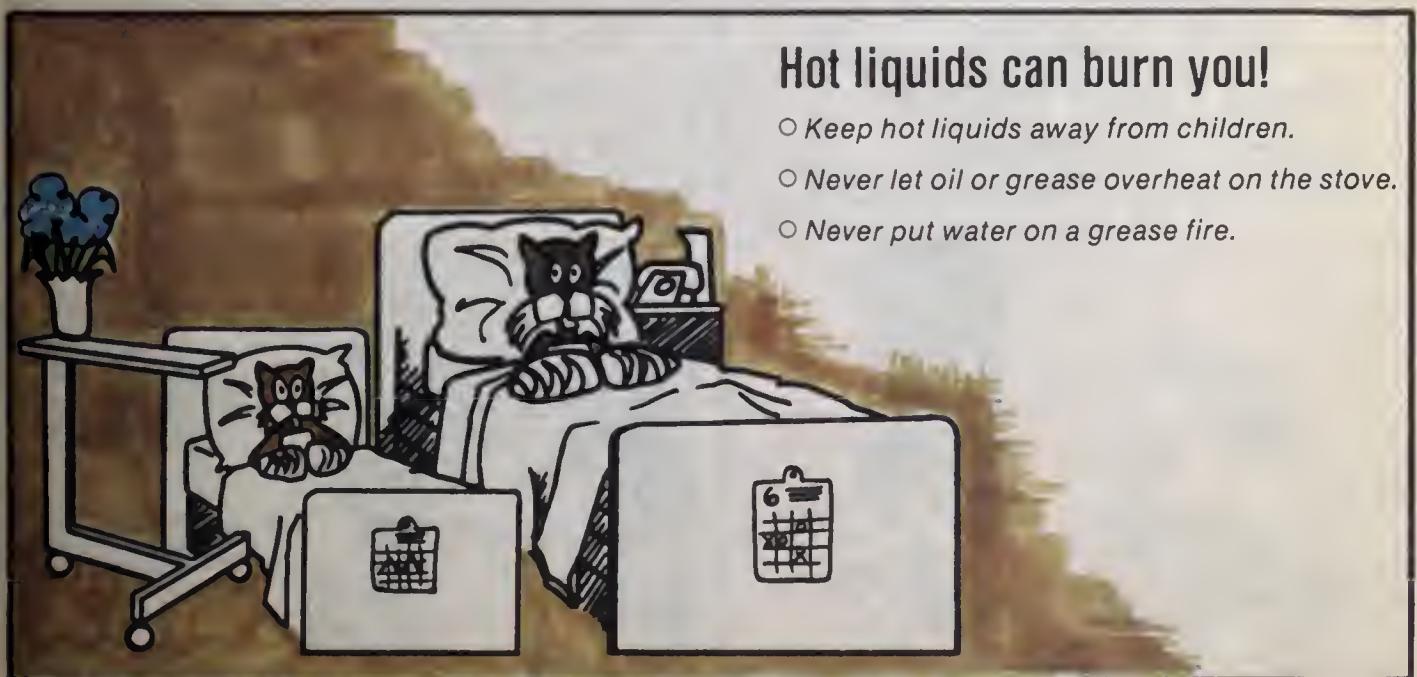
WHAT HAPPENED?
I DIDN'T EVEN
TOUCH THE
WIRES.

Electricity can jump
from a wire
and burn or kill you!



○ Do not climb poles to any wires.



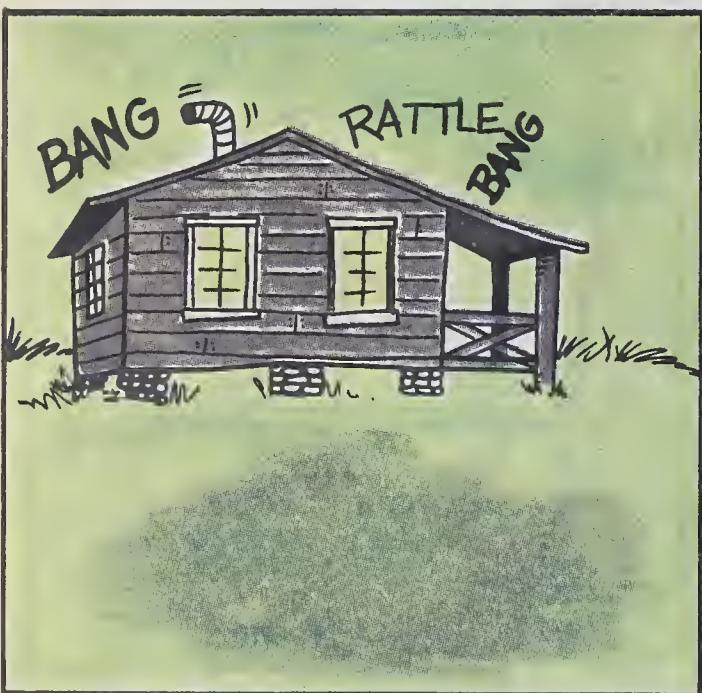


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BANG = RATTLE BANG



WHY DON'T YOU
READ THE
INSTRUCTIONS?



WHO NEEDS
INSTRUCTIONS?
CATS HAVE
NATURAL SMARTS.



YOU JUST MAKE
A HOLE AND
STICK THE PIPE
THROUGH.



LET'S SEE HOW
THIS BABY
WORKS.



THIS PLACE IS
FULL OF SMOKE!



OH, MY GOSH.
THE WALL'S
ON FIRE!



WOOSH

SIZZLE
BURN



NOW, SHALL
WE READ
THE
INSTRUCTIONS
?



A coal or
wood-burning stove
can cause
fires, burns or death
from smoke!

○ Make sure your stove

is set up in the right way.



DON'T MAKE THAT TOO HOT, GATO. SOMEONE'S GOT TO SIT IN IT.



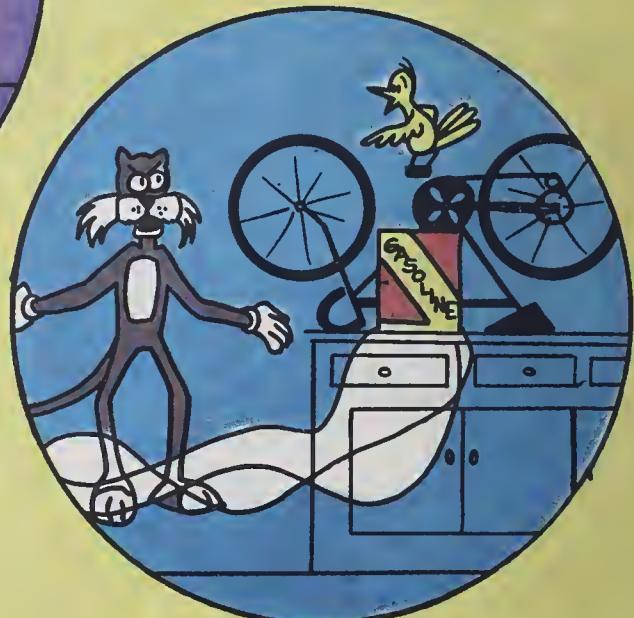


Hot water from the faucet
can cause serious burns!

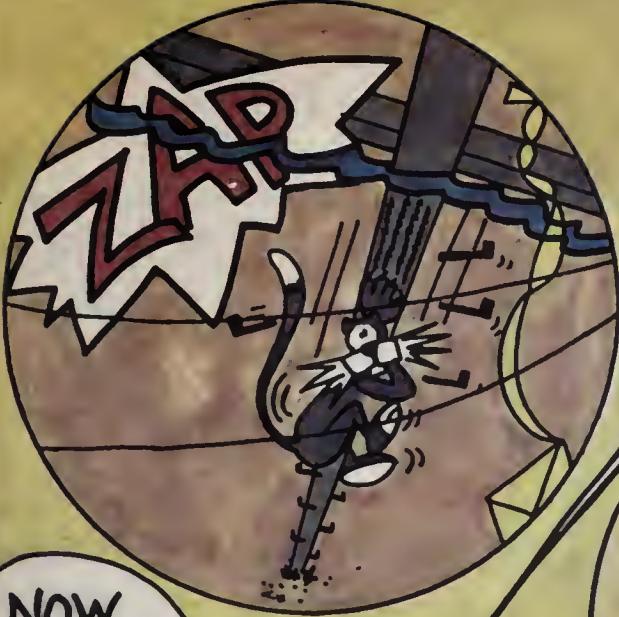
○ Never allow small children

to be alone in the bathroom.

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El Gato had nine chances
at life, you have only one...
DON'T BURN IT AWAY!



I WON'T
MAKE THESE
MISTAKES
AGAIN!



NOW
I HAVE
ONE LIFE,
JUST LIKE
YOU!



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Here Are 8 Fire Dangers and How to Avoid Them . . .

DANGER #1 Liquids that can catch fire fast!

Some of these are:

gasoline
nail polish remover
kerosene
furniture polish
lighter fluid
rubbing alcohol
campstove or lantern fuel
oil-based paints
paint thinners
rubber and contact cements
charcoal lighter fluid
wood stain

- Keep these liquids away from flames, heat or sparks.
- Never smoke around these liquids.
- Never keep gasoline indoors or in the trunk of a car.

DANGER #2 Smoking in bed or around upholstered furniture.

- More people die in bed and upholstery fires than in any other kind of fire.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Don't smoke around upholstered furniture if you are sleepy, or drinking alcohol, or have taken medicine.

DANGER #3 Extension cords.

- Don't use worn or damaged extension cords.
- Don't run extension cords under rugs.
- Don't let children chew or suck on extension cords . . . they can get shocked or burned.

DANGER #4 Matches and children.

- Never leave matches or lighters where children can reach them.
- Use only safety or strike-on-cover type matches.

DANGER #5 Power lines.

- Stay away from any overhead power lines. Do not climb poles.
- You don't have to touch a power line to get burned.
- Keep things made of metal away from overhead lines . . . especially ladders or C.B. and TV antennas.

DANGER #6 Kitchen burns.

- Don't let children play near a stove.
- Keep hot liquids away from children.
- Don't leave hot oil or grease on the stove.
- Watch what you wear near a stove. Loose sleeves and flowing clothing can catch fire.

DANGER #7 Coal or wood-burning stoves.

- Make sure your stove is set up the right way.
Let an expert do it or follow instructions carefully.
- If your stove is not set up the right way:
 - leaking smoke could kill you.
 - floors or walls could get too hot and catch fire.
- Hot sparks from your stove can set your clothes on fire.
- Keep these things away from your stove:
upholstered furniture, drapes, curtains, newspapers, wood and other things that can catch fire.

DANGER #8 Hot water from faucets.

- Hot water from a faucet can give you serious burns!
- Never let small children be alone in the bathroom.
- Always make sure the bath water is not too hot before you or small children get in.

(TEAR OFF THIS COVER AND PUT IT UP ON YOUR WALL)

If your clothing catches fire...



DROP AND ROLL BACK AND FORTH

...to smother the flames.

If you burn yourself...



COOL IT!

- Cool the burn with cold water.
- Never put grease, butter or ointments on a burn.
- Do not clean the burn.
- Call for medical help.

If your pan catches fire...



COVER IT!

- Turn off the burner.

- Slide the lid over the pan.

- Never use water on a grease fire.

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